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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/886,315

Applicant(s)

CRIMMINS ET AL.

Examiner

Jonathan D. Schlaifer

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to application 09/886,315, filed on 6/21/2001, with no prior art filed.
2. Claim 1 is pending in the case. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edmunds (USPN 6,006,281—filing date 1/8/1998), further in view of Brandt et al. (USPN 6,125,384—filing date 12/23/1996), hereinafter Brandt.**
4. **Regarding dependent claim 1**, Edmunds discloses a method for automatically preparing an manufacturing a printing job (as disclosed in the Abstract, lines 1-20, Edmunds' invention prepares print jobs), comprising the steps of: selecting a desired print document from among a predetermined number of print documents (in col. 3, lines 40-65, Edmunds allows selections of documents), selecting various information to be included in said print document (in col. 3, lines 40-65, Edmunds allows for choosing information to be included in the print job), completing an order for said print document including proofing said print document (in col. 3, lines 40-65, Edmunds converts from displayable to printable format, which is a form of proofing), automatically generating printing plates from a digital image including information from said print document (in col. 4, lines 30-

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50, Edmunds discusses the physical process of printing and printing plates are inherent), and printing and delivering said printing job to said user (this is discussed when Edmunds discusses the printing process in col. 4, lines 30-50). However, Edmunds fails to disclose entering a predetermined web page, said predetermined web page being customized for use by a particular user and automatically inserting other information to said print document in accordance with an identity of said particular user. However, Brandt, in col. 15, lines 60-67 and col. 16, lines 1-20, discusses documents and web transactions which are individualized to particular users. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use individualized documents in the manner of Brandt in the context of Edmunds because this would have made the system more adaptive to the needs of particular users.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

USPN 5,805,442 (filing date 5/30/1996)—Crater et al.

USPN 5,884,014 (filing date 5/23/1996)—Huttenlocher et al.

USPN 5,892,905 (filing date 12/23/1996)—Brandt et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan D. Schlaifer whose telephone number is 703-305-9777.

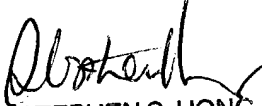
The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00, M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 703-308-5465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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